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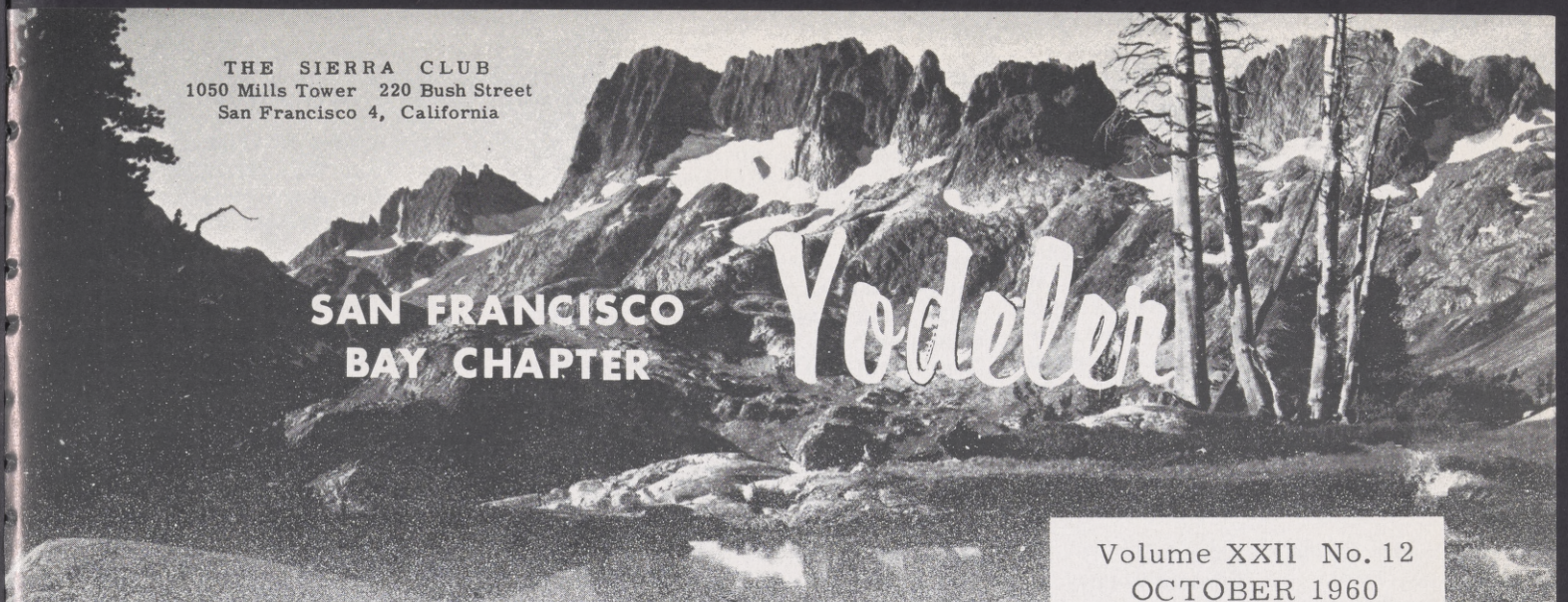

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER Yodeler

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While You Were Away

It is not too late to help the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park to reserve part of Yellowstone Lake for wildlife and canoe travel. Bruce Kilgore attended all three hearings on this order restricting motorboats and reports that an average of testimony gave the conservationists a much better position than at the first hearing. There was also a better response to the appeal for letters of support, but more are needed to convince the Secretary that the order is not only necessary but well supported. Letters to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington 25, D.C., will go in the record up to the end of September, and even after that will do some good. So if you were going to . . . but haven't yet . . . make sure it gets in the mail right away.

Glacier Peak Wilderness area is now formally established by order of the Secretary of Agriculture: approx. 450,000 acres. It is improved from the first skinny proposal—the Secretary added part of the valleys of the Suiattle and the Agnes, but just how much is not yet known here. Mining will be allowed, provided the miners can prove it is necessary (i.e., profitable).

On the State Park front: the S.F. Bay Chapter and other Chapters have sent in their recommendations for projects, new and old, for the second five year plan of the Division of Beaches and Parks. Local recommendations were chiefly concerned with Point Reyes (see later), Golden Gate Headlands, and Mt. Diablo. There is no T.V. station built yet on North Peak of Mt. Diablo, but there is a jeep road now up to the saddle, rough, but reminding us of a rhyme:

"There, there, little cart track, don't you cry!
You'll be a highway by and by."

Tamalpais State Park inches forward month by month. Apparently there is a reappraisal of some of the land going on, but we hear that some progress has been made in the case of the Kent lands near Stinson Beach. In the proposed Golden Gate Headlands, on the south edge of Marin

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Yodeler to Return To Subscription Basis

The Yodeler will no longer be sent to all Bay Chapter members free but will be returned to the $2.00 subscription basis as of the next (November) issue.

That was the decision of the September 12 Executive Committee meeting, after a debate that began with a report from Bruce Grant, chairman of the Publications Committee.

The Chapter last spring had authorized the experiment of an all-membership circulation for both the Yodeler and Schedule in the expectation that advertising could be found to meet the deficits that would obviously ensue. But not only did this advertising not materialize, the expense of circulating the Yodeler to the membership exceeded estimates by an alarming figure. The deficit Bruce had to project from current figures was $3400 per year.

Bruce told the Committee that he and other Publications Committee members had learned that a circulation base the size of the Bay Chapter—just over 6,000—is not interesting to professional ad men, hence it can only be handled on a volunteer basis. But for one reason or another, the volunteer ad solicitors just hadn't been found.

Little dissent was heard from members of the Committee, who had been given advance warning of the figures given by Bruce and by Wes Bunnelle, Treasurer. But Anita Suran, a non-Committee member attending, argued that the Chapter ought to put a strong argument to the central Club for a bigger share of the members' dues, for publication purposes and other proper Chapter activities.

A resolution to this effect was passed and will be taken to the next Council meeting as a Chapter policy. At present, the Chapter receives but 15 per cent of the dues paid by Bay Chapter members, and has to pay back to the Club certain fees for administration, use of the Mills Tower offices, etc.

Anita suggested an assessment on Bay Chapter members to meet the publications emergency, and was backed by the Yodel-editor, Peter Whitney, who also proposed

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"You CAN Take Them With You"

In less than seven days, the annual Sierra Club cleanup campaign, led by Anne and Fred Eissler, collected 4 tons of cans, glass, foil and other litter along the Bishop Pass route to the John Muir Trail in the Sierra Nevada Range.

The thirty-five mountaineer-scavengers included a pig-tailed five-year-old and a great-grandfather. A two-man Inyo National Forest Service crew joined the group and helped smash the debris and sack it for the local packer to haul by mule over winding trails to the road end, and from there by truck to the city dump.

In addition to the 35,000 cans found around the alpine lakes, the crew counted more than 300 stumps of white pine, chopped by campers for firewood. "This wilderness is popular vacation land," said Eissler. "The people are loving it to death."

The theme of the campaign, "You CAN take them with you," is explained on government signs at national parks. They say: "Tin cans and foil are objectionable. They should be burned, flattened and carried out of the mountains. Do not bury them." Burial pits disfigure the terrain, damage plants and flowers and are uncovered by bears and nosy rodents.

An excellent way to begin the Christmas holidays would be to attend the Sierra Club Christmas party on December 9. This year it is to be a gala affair at the S.F. Presidio Officers' Club, Bldg. 50. Parking will be no problem. Murray Petersen will provide the music once more.

Three dollars includes buffet supper and dancing. Be sure to buy tickets early!! None sold at the door. Checks can be made to Sierra Club Christmas Ball—Mills Tower.

More details in the November Yodeler. See schedule.

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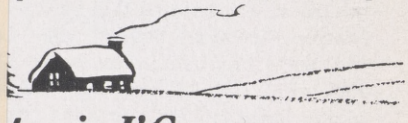

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John Bombay, our lively and dedicated chairman of the past year, has written us a message on the eve of the next River Touring election. This is not to be taken as a farewell address for no one who can provide his invaluable leadership and inspiring influence is likely to disappear from the center of our section's activities in the coming year.

"Dear RTS'ers:

"On the eve of the election, October 10, 1960, I wish to express my gratitude for your support and generous assistance, without which I would have been at a loss.

"Your enthusiasm, work and interest have made our club grow stronger again this year. We have explored new rivers, much to everyone's delight; we have had a good training and recruiting program; we have introduced more safety and good rules; and we have competed nationally and internationally and established a name.

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Witches' Sabbath

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Juniors Scale Tamalpais

Junior Sierra Clubbers, accompanied by Ruth Kaufman and Anita Suran, climbed Mt. Tamalpais September 10. The ascent was hot; as we pushed back branches of live oak and brush, we felt like jungle travelers.

On top we were joined by Lyn Wright who with Francis Walcott volunteered to teach us rock-climbing. We ate a leisurely lunch in some blessed shade and discussed future plans for the Junior section. A ski trip, a knapsack trip, a beach hike, and a Junior table at the Annual Dinner were suggested. Meanwhile, a watermelon, laboriously hauled up in a knapsack was demolished.

Fully fed, we belayed down a small but mildly terrifying cliff and became adept at groping for hand and foot holds. A small chute provided a challenge, especially to five-year-old Shelley and seven-year-old Dennis. These budding rock-hounds were two of the "sub-Juniors" who accompanied us. Two explorer scouts, who joined us, climbed too.

En route to our cars at Mountain Home, we stopped at West Point Inn and gulped down some refreshing lemonade. Then we walked (and ran) the last mile, going through pines and gazing at the blue panorama of the bay area and ocean below us.

At six o'clock — too soon — we returned to Mountain Home. All had "that pleasant tired feeling," deep tans, and a hope for more Junior get-togethers with even more Juniors. —Ruth Arnon

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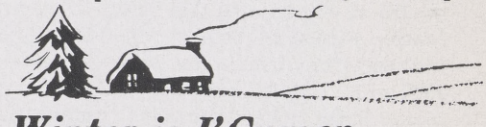
Ascent At Leisure

The crowd had departed; the weather man had been directed to offer his best product and Yosemite's Cathedral Range was the same backpacker's paradise it has always been. To make the most of these conditions, 26 Leisure Knapsackers, led by Thelma Carder and Anita Suran, am[illegible] over four trailless miles to Upper [illegible] Lake on September 17. Originating [illegible]aya Lake, the route lay mostly over granite slabs and had been heavily touted as one of those where "it's impossible to get lost." Four of the group, nevertheless, achieved the impossible and made it almost to Tuolumne Meadows before deciding an error had occurred. Fortunately the John Muir Trail lay close at hand and led them conveniently back to the campsite where they arrived in time for dinner.

Earlier arrivals had meanwhile scattered, some to investigate secluded Budd Lake, some to examine the opposite side of Cathedral Pass and others on even more ambitious excursions. Vivienne Bryan, Bill Blayne, and John Kemper made the trip to the top of Tenaya Peak, and the following day Albert Straub, Bob Olsen and Ray Vermeulen assailed the same objective. This was not an entirely undiluted pleasure since a divide had to be crossed en route which was higher than the peak itself. However, Tenaya is one of those peaks which is so imposing from the front but has an easy route up the back.

On Sunday, several members made attempts on the Echo Peak and Cathedral Peak, remembering their Leisure status just in time to prevent going all the way to the top. The fact that summits of these are class 4 rock-climbs was held by some to be a contributing cause. On Cathedral Peak, Burt Rutkin, Marvin Prager, Win Haywood, and Steve Bevitt circumnavigated the mountain and had the pleasure of staring down from the saddle between the two hornlike spires, this being another example of an imposing rock face with an easy (relatively) route up the back. --John Kemper



Winter is I'Cumen

Clair Tappaan Lodge is being readied for the winter. The women's dormitory and washroom improvements are completed and the new basement recreation room is nearing completion. Can someone donate us an old oak round table to furnish it?

Work parties will continue until the snow flies. Please send a note to the manager at Norden if you plan to work. Transportation coordinators: East Bay, Thelma Carder, TH 8-6476, San Francisco, Anita Suran, JU 5-5273.

Signal Hill Rope Tow will be run, as in the past, on a friendly cooperative basis with John S. Thune as tow manager.

—A.S.

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While You Were Away

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County, the General Services Administration finally agreed to withhold Fort Baker surplus lands from public sale, but would give no price concession to the State.

On Point Reyes, no news, except that the Secretary of the Interior formally endorsed the project, which allows the National Park Service to raise their voices in public to further the cause. Real estate promotors are busy over there, we hear, on a "$25.00 down and the N.P.S. will come and buy you out at a profit" basis. The Chapter, in its suggestions on the State Park plan, pointed out that the State might well help by acquiring part of the peninsula as a State Park to save some of the most valuable areas, but the State, like the Federal government, is chronically short of funds for recreation.

The Stanford Research Institute put out its report on the use of the East Bay water district lands earlier this summer. It sounded satisfactory as reported in the press but those who have studied it say that recreation is still considered the lowest of the desirable uses of land. There is also a report on the same district by the Army Engineers projecting developments for sixty years. That does not even mention recreation, according to information from Dan Luten, but, oddly, it assumes that undeveloped land of the reservoirs will still be open land in the year 2020.

Most topical and interesting is the reaction following the threat to make a freeway out of Highway 1 from Marin Cuty through Stinson Beach to points north, as reported in the last Yodeler. A Scenic Road Association (note that the word Highway is NOT used) has now been formed. Peter Whitney (your Yodeleditor) will head this and handle publicity for it. The idea is to bring residents and officials of Marin county who care about their scenery into touch with those who worked so successfully to save Highway 1 in Monterey County. Money to pay the expenses of expert planners of scenic roads is also an objective of this new group. State Senator McCarthy has promised to ask the Highway Commission to delay all action until after the first of next year. Our own gossip spies tell us that those readers who enjoyed the defense of the Stinson Beach road in Herb Caen's column (S.F. Chronicle, Sunday, Sept. 4th) should thank an unknown who invited Mr. Caen to a barbecue at Stinson, with strictly ulterior motives. . .

—C.M.C.

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SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENT

September 28, EAST BAY DINNER. Willard Junior High. Should be marvelous fun Traveling the 1960 Vacation Roundup. All miniature travelogues most welcome. Call Edna Laumann for dinner reservations before 10 p.m., September 26. Phone TH 5-8557.

October 8: NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION FIELD TRIP to New Almaden Quicksilver Mines in Santa Clara County. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at New Almaden. Destination is Guadalupe Mine; not Guadalupe River as mentioned in Schedule. Transportation coordinator: Claire Fahy.

OCTOBER 8-9: JUNIOR KNAPSACK TRIP. Explore the mountain areas near Cisco (Hwy. 40) with Phil Lydon and Anita Suran. Phil will have an informal session on use of map and compass and will point out features of geologic interest. Try to bring an inexpensive compass, pencil and Topo map (Cisco Quadrangle 7 1/2 min, 1955). This trip is not recommended for persons with no backpacking experience. If you need or can offer transportation, call Tom Ostwald, LA 4-6233. Reservations for trip should be made before Wednesday, Oct. 5, by 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 12, EAST BAY DINNER, Willard Junior High. "Monument Valley and the Navajos" is the title of the program and should prove very interesting with color pictures to show this very fascinating country. Call Margo Lenigk, OL 4-2187, for dinner reservations before 10 p.m., October 10.

OCTOBER 26, EAST BAY DINNER. Willard Junior High. Program includes color pictures and commentary on Death Valley and its wild flowers. Call Edythe Purcell for dinner reservations before 10 p.m., October 24. Phone TH 3-4014.

OCTOBER 29-30: HALLOWEEN PARTY. Annual Sierra Club and Garfield Folk Dancers Halloween Party at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Saturday...steak dinner and folk dancing for everyone from beginners to advanced. Sunday...hiking and maybe more folk dancing. Plenty of camping space available. Tickets: $2.25. Make checks payable to Elizabeth Perry and mail them to her at 3040 Champion street, Oakland. Only 125 tickets available and 70 have already been sold. None available at Calaveras. For rides: Jim or Betty McCracken (BE 4-4079).

NOVEMBER 19: JUNIORS. PICNIC, with Burro packing demonstration and practice (for next summer, already). Burro owner and host, Larry Williams, in Canyon. Coordinator: Susan Langstroth, KE 4-1158.

CAMERA FOR QUICK SALE. Exacta VX with 50 mm f2.8 Westanar automatic, 35mm wide angle, accessories. Like new, 30 day guarantee. $225 or best offer. Call Allen Jamieson, GA 1-1066 days.

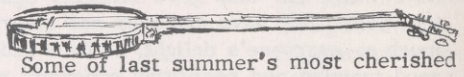
Rope tricks for hikers

Hikers! Have you ever given thought that you might not get out of a tough spot in the mountains, say, just by putting one foot down in front of the other? It might prove wise to learn a few fundamentals of using the rope, so come out a the next rope instruction for Hikers. Feel the rope, tie a bowline, climb, belay, rappel. Get to feel yourself shaking at the edge and overcome it to your delight. The hikers who went to the top of Tam on August 27 sincerely thank Carl Weisner and Francis Walcott for their able instruction.

—Al Schmidt

Annual Dinner Casts Shadow to Next May

Ah Spring! And with it comes thoughts of the Annual Dinner on the 6th of May, 1961 to be held at Goodman's Jack London Hall. Those of you who have a 1961 calendar, draw a red circle around the date. Other good Sierrans watch the club publications for details. The chairman can use help. If interested, please contact: Tena Catena, chairman, LO 4-1412, 1235 Stanyan Street, S.F. 17.



Some of last summer's most cherished memories can be traced to the fun we had around campfires and drifting down rivers while one or more of our members regaled us with songs accompanied by much guitar strumming and banjo plucking. What a morale builder just one individual can be when even a small talent is shared with the group!

Some Sierra clubbers would like to get started, others would like to improve, and so we have arranged for the services of two of Berkeley's best teachers of Folk Music to give us class instruction. Dave Fredrickson will teach guitar and Miriam Stafford the five string banjo. You will enjoy getting to know both of these talented folks and can look forward to many evenings of fun this winter as well as next summer around the campfire. The class in each instrument will be limited to eight—cost will be nominal. Interested? Call Lou Elliott, OL 5-3801.